GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether air and noise pollution in all the major cities in the country are in alarming proportions including Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided by the Government to States during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Air and noise pollution levels exhibit a rising trend in most of the major cities of the country including Gujarat. This is due to increase in economic activities including industries and transportation accompanied by growth in population.

(b) The steps/schemes initiated to control pollution include the following:-

(i) A scheme on `Assistance for Development of Eco-cities` has been formulated. In the first phase, seven metro cities have been identified.

(ii) National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network has been established which covers 92 major cities of the country for assessing the prevailing ambient air quality.

(iii) Action plans prepared for 24 identified critically polluted areas are under implementation.

(iv) 17 categories of highly polluting industries have been identified. These industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipments in time bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(v) Zoning atlas is prepared for the identification of environmentally compatible industrial zones for siting of industries.

(vi) Emission standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check air and noise pollution.

(vii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting of industries.

(viii) Gross emission standards for on-road vehicles and mass emission standards for all categories of new vehicles have been notified under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and are enforced by the Transport Departments of the various states.

(ix) CNG is supplied to automobiles through a number of retail outlets in Delhi and Mumbai to cater to the CNG fitted vehicles.

(x) Ambient noise standards in respect of industrial, commercial, residential areas and silence zone have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(xi) Source specific noise standards have been evolved and notified for vehicles, domestic appliances, generator sets, construction equipments and fire crackers.

(c) The financial assistance provided by Central Pollution Control Board to the various states for carrying out air quality monitoring is given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of State Pollution Control Board/ Pollution Control Committee	Amount (in Rs.)

1. Andhra Pradesh SPCB 8,95,714/-

2. Assam SPCB 1,49,976/-

3. Bihar SPCB 12,83,128/-

4. Chandigarh PCC 4,79,122/-

5. Gujarat SPCB 19,74,684/-
6. Goa SPCB 3,49,944/-

7 Haryana SPCB 2,33,296/-

8. Himachal Pradesh SPCB 15,66,480/-

9. Karnataka SPCB 9,83,176/-
10. Kerala SPCB 23,12,274/-
11. Meghalaya SPCB 1,99,968/-
12. Madhya Pradesh SPCB 26,20,414/-
13. Orissa SPCB 15,03,926/-
14. Punjab SPCB 6,70,726/-
15. Pondicherry PCC 6,41,588/-
16. Rajasthan SPCB 20,24,676/-
17. Tamil Nadu SPCB 10,83,232/-
18. Uttar Pradesh SPCB 22,28,810/-
19. West Bengal SPCB 6,16,568/-

Total 218,17,702/-